

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/935,573

REMARKS

Claims 3-6 and 8-13 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant rewrites claims 3-5 into their independent form and changes the dependency of claim 6 to depend on claim 5. In addition, Applicant adds claims 8-13. Claims 8-13 are clearly supported throughout the specification.

Preliminary Matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority, and indicating receipt of the certified copy of the Priority Document. Also, Applicant thanks the Examiner for returning the initialed PTO/SB/08 for the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 5, 2001.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate approval of the drawings filed on August 24, 2001, in the next correspondence from the Office.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,041,358 to Huang et al. (hereinafter "Huang"). By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 1, 2, and 7. Accordingly, this rejection is moot with respect to these claims. Claim 6 now depends on claim 5, which contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 6 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection of the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-5 would be allowed if rewritten in their respective independent forms including all the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, Applicant rewrites these claims 3-5 into their independent forms including all the limitations of their respective base claims. Applicant, however, does not acquiescence to the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance.

New Claims

In order to provide more varied protection, Applicant adds claims 8-13. Claim 8 is patentable at least by virtue of its recitation of: "administering by a central entity (CAN Object Identifier Server) a number of usable CAN (Controller Area Network) object identifiers; and assigning by the central entity (CAN Object Identifier Server) to each pair of communicating nodes between which Ethernet frames will be transmitted a pair of CAN (Controller Area Network) object identifiers." Claims 9-13 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 8.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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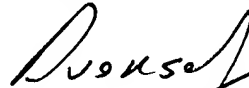
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